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Greg Simard's lawyer, Gord Cudmore, talks to media outside the London courthouse Tuesday shortly after his client was sentenced. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Man receives 20 years for savage beating of child

Nearly fatal. Judge cites mental disorder, clean record for not delivering life sentence



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Greg Simard seemed remorseful Tuesday, but it was too little, too late for the father of a boy beaten to the very edge of death 15 months ago.

"That was empty for us," the father said. "Whether he meant it or not, it almost doesn't matter."

Simard, 25, who pleaded guilty in May to the attempted murder of a 12-year-old boy outside London's Child and Parent Resource Institute, was sentenced Tuesday to 20 years

in prison.

The victim and his family cannot be identified because the victim is a minor.

Simard, who was a contract employee at the institute, admitted that in September 2012 he led the boy with severe autism away from his room. He then took him to a wooded area, beat him and left him for dead.

The child would go on to spend nearly 200 days in hospital receiving treatment for permanent brain damage and other severe injuries, which will affect him for the rest of his life, family members said.

The court heard that Simard suffers from an unnamed mental disorder that was exacerbated by illegal drug use.

It was the disorder and a previously clean record that convinced Justice Jeanine Leroy to reject the Crown's re-



Greg Simard COURTESY LONDON POLICE

quest for life imprisonment.

"It's something that our family can accept," the father said of the 20-year term. "As Justice Leroy said, if you look at the harm that was done to our son, there's no sentence that's long enough, but we just need some closure and we need to put this behind us."

Defence lawyer Gord Cudmore felt Leroy didn't lend enough weight to Simard's mental disorder and said an appeal is being considered.

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Dangerous operation

Woman charged in Western Road collision

A 21-year-old woman who crashed her pickup truck into a light pole on Western Road on Dec. 8 has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm.

The passenger in the truck driven by Teighlor Blay-Giesen of Denfield sustained critical injuries in the crash that occurred about 2:30 a.m. She remains in critical but stable condition in hospital, police say.

Police report the truck was travelling northbound on Western Road near Windermere Road when it left the road and hit a light pole.

There was no immediate explanation of why Blay-Giesen has been charged.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Vegan bake sale

Brownies for better times?

A vegan and gluten-free bake sale will benefit a good cause Wednesday at Western University.

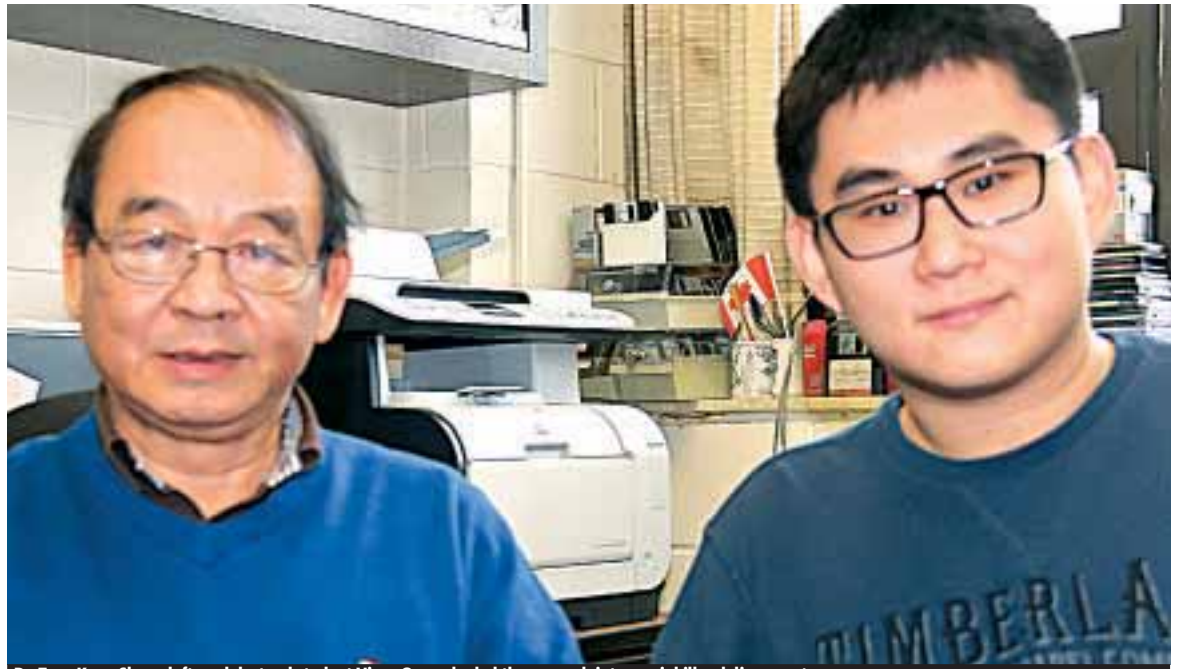
Student Katie Christie is leading the effort to benefit Global Holistic Healing, which helps people in Latin America.

The sale, with food and wellness products, will be at The Spoke in the UCC from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The proceeds will go towards work that Christie describes as "acts of love, health and kindness."

They include planting fruit trees at schools where children often don't eat breakfast because they don't have food at home, and distributing health and sanitation products to people in need.

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Dr. Tsun-Kong Sham, left, and doctoral student Vince Guo, who led the research into a painkiller delivery system. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Giving pain the old one-two punch

Western University. Experts discover way to pump up everyday painkiller

It's the U-Haul of pain relief, say the experts, and it was discovered right here in London.

Western University's blizzard of scientific discoveries continues with a breakthrough in pain relief for broken bones.

Researchers in the chemistry department have discovered a way to ensure the drugs needed to treat the pain are taken directly to the bones.

The group is led by Dr. Tsun-Kong Sham and doctoral student Vince Guo. They discovered that a chemical, calcium silicate hydrate (CSH), could be used to deliver the painkiller ibuprofen to the right place.

So, in simple terms, if a new drug was created combining calcium silicate hydrate and ibuprofen, it would cut pain better.

"CSH is similar to a delivery truck, while the ibuprofen is like the cargo," said Dr. Sham.

The discovery was made in collaboration with Dr. Yingjie Zhu of the Shanghai Institute of Ceramics.

Because CSH is a porous substance, Sham explained,

it can be used to "load" another drug.

Guo, who is 26, was valuable to the project and did much of the work, said Sham.

"I think it's very helpful for our future study," said Guo. "It will benefit human beings in medical treatments."

The immediate benefits include treating pain from broken bones and surgery, but the discovery could inform other research into drug delivery systems, with possible applications in cancer research.

The Western team also plans to explore other substances that could lead to new drug-carrier combinations. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

At a glance

- The London researchers used the Canadian Light Source synchrotron, at the University of Saskatchewan, in their work.
- The gigantic machine accelerates electrons in a tube at nearly the speed of light, meaning a variety of substances can be closely analyzed.
- The synchrotron was used to study the interactions between calcium silicate hydrate and ibuprofen on an atom-by-atom basis.

Feds betrayed province: Health minister

The federal Conservatives have betrayed Canada's most populous province by breaking their promise over health-care funding, Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews charged Tuesday.

The Harper Tories promised all provinces a six per cent increase in health transfers, but they're only giving Ontario 3.4 per cent in 2014-15, she said.

That means Ontario is out \$300 million, while Alberta is

getting about \$1 billion more — a 38 per cent increase, Matthews said.

"I think it's outrageous," she said during a visit to a Toronto eye surgery clinic. "I think it's bad policy. We count on that money. We had counted on that money to continue to improve access to care in this province."

She said it's a devastating blow to Ontario, which is grappling with rising health-care

costs as its population ages.

The \$300 million that Ottawa is shortchanging Ontario is more than the province's increase in home care and other services for seniors this year, she said.

"It's less money to reduce wait times, it's less money to hire nurses, it's less time to provide Ontario families and particularly Ontario seniors with the care that they need," Matthews said.

The governing Liberals have made an effort to cut costs, but it appears the Harper Tories are balancing their budget on the backs of Ontario patients, she said.

Ontario, which is facing a nearly \$12-billion deficit, is the only province that will see fewer federal dollars next year, with total transfer payments shrinking by \$641 million to \$19.1 billion.

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Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business Cares. Food drive in final push for donations

Leaders of London's Business Cares Food Drive are appealing to the public as the campaign winds down and donations are falling short.

Through Tuesday evening, about 102,480 pounds of food had been collected toward the 259,871 goal.

That's about 45 per cent less than what's generally been collected at this point in the drive, which ends Friday morning.

Cheques donated to the cause are trailing about 30 per cent behind.

Business Cares co-chair Wayne Dunn said organizers are willing to do whatever is necessary to make sure the drive is a success and Londoners in need are served.

"If people are really too busy right now (to make a donation), we would either pick food up or pick cheques up," Dunn said.

This year's goal is only one pound larger than the amount of food collected in 2012.

On the web

To learn more about the Business Cares Food Drive, including a running tally of donations, check businesscares.ca.

All proceeds from the drive will be delivered to the London Food Bank on Friday, which means donating before the absolute cutoff time would be much appreciated, Dunn said.

"Now is the time," he said Tuesday. "(If we) wait any longer, we will be trouble and we won't meet our goal."

People who want to make a donation can visit County Heritage (1275 Hubrey Rd.) or Robert Q (105 Wharncliffe Rd. S.)

To arrange for a pickup, call 519-686-7573 and ask for Alyssa or Nikki. **ANGELA MULLINS/METRO**

Council in brief

City's boundaries won't change — for now

There were heated exchanges Tuesday night as councillors debated possible changes to the city's urban growth boundary.

Landowners outside the city hope their land can be brought into it so it can be developed.

But city staff said the law demands that other sites would need to move outside the limits as a result, and that changing planning laws would have legal consequences, perhaps even endangering the city's ability to collect development charges.

Mayor Joe Fontana led a group demanding the creation of a staff-led working group that would examine possible changes, but Coun. Joni Baechler led the charge against the idea.

In the end, council agreed on a combined motion that kept the boundary unchanged, but allowed the working group to be set up. If it asks for changes, they will be considered later.

New Year's Eve will get loud

The much-debated exemption to noise bylaws for London's New Year's Eve celebration was finally ap-

proved Tuesday night.

The city-sponsored Rockin' New Year's Eve party, to be headlined by Honeymoon Suite, can get louder than the limits.

Council members had heard that, due to lost deposits for breaking the rules, the city was effectively fining itself.

A 13-2 vote approved the exemption, despite a last-ditch attempt by Coun. Judy Bryant to stop the change, arguing the city should follow its own rules. Coun. Bill Armstrong was the other vote against.

Animal services contract gets approval

The city's controversial animal services contract passed through city council easily Tuesday night.

After stormy committee meetings, with animal-rights protesters shouting and swearing at councillors from the public gallery, council approved the five-year contract for a private firm, with new measures designed to ensure animal welfare. They include a stated aim of a "no-kill" policy on animals in city shelters.

Coun. Denise Brown said she'd had contact from animal-rights groups wishing to distance themselves from the behaviour of some protesters at city hall.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO



Ben Falkenham, of bike store To Wheels (134 Dundas St.), is one of London's many cyclists who thinks a better approach is needed. He's in favour of shared lanes, rather than bikes lanes. The new committee is to listen to all opinions. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**

Saddle up for the future of cycling

New committee. Long road ahead as advocates prepare for different approach



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"Once you win, the real work starts."

Gary Brown, leading voice in London Cycle Link, was joking, but he had a point.

City councillors have spoken, and London will have a cycling advisory committee. It means the city's approach to two-wheeled transport will be defined with help from experts, and those experts have a lot to do.

And it's not just about investment in cycling infrastructure, Brown said. It's about the right kind of investment.

"Once the cycling advisory committee is formed, I think the first thing it needs to do is review our bicycle masterplan," said Brown. "It hasn't been looked at for five or six years, and we haven't been following it."

Brown thinks London's policies on cycling, including installing bike lanes, are good, but there hasn't always been a joined-up approach.

Take intersections, for example. They're the most dangerous part of a road for cyclists, he said, but the bike lanes stop before they get there.

Instead of having special lanes on sections of road all over the city, he wants "a plan-

ning approach" that sets up routes for bike users to get them from A to B.

"One thing we need to focus on is having a complete bike route," he said. "People only bike on a route where they feel safe and a route is only as safe as its weakest link."

There's also an economic aspect. If a city is bike-friendly, Brown added, it's more likely to attract young professionals.

Londoner Henk Ketelaars stressed while campaigning for the committee that everyone needs to share the road, however many wheels they have.

"I'm looking for more education," he said Tuesday, adding that it's not just about cycling and there needs to be safer streets for anyone who's not in a car, whether it's a wheelchair, scooter or skateboard.

At a glance

- City staff had recommended to councillors that no cycling advisory committee be established.
- They wanted to widen the terms of reference for the existing transportation advisory committee, with better representation for cyclists.
- But the strategic priorities and policy committee has instead instructed staff to make the cycling committee happen.
- They are to work on setting it up and report back in the new year.

Bike lane spending among possible city hall cuts

The city spent \$1 million on bike lanes last year, and it will probably be asked for more in 2014.

The cycling advisory committee hasn't been formed yet, but it can be expected to be an influential voice for the mode of transport at city

hall.

But, as Coun. Joni Baechler pointed out during a debate on Monday, available funding will be the ultimate arbiter of what the city does for people on bikes. And it could be a tough go.

In fact, even before the

2014 budget debate truly begins, city staff have pointed to \$200,000 in planned spending on bike lanes as a cut councillors might consider to lessen a tax increase.

Roads and transportation director Edward Soldo said bike lane funding came from

two sources this year.

A fund for restriping and widening roads accounted for \$200,000. In addition, about \$800,000 was spent from the city's "growth program," used for projects like widening Sarnia Road.

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'This was one of the worst examples of intentional animal abuse I have ever seen'

Crime. Humane Society agent made 'physically sick' by video of horrific abuse of cat that results in 31-year-old London man's jail sentence



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A man is facing a lifetime ban from caring for animals and has been ordered to spend 10 months in jail after committing some of the most despicable acts of animal cruelty staff at the London Humane Society have seen.

Justin Kloda, 31, of London was sentenced last week after a security camera caught him torturing a cat in early November in the city.

The Humane Society became involved Nov. 8 when

Statement

"The cat was a defenceless and innocent victim."

London Humane Society executive director Judy Foster

agent Chris Chew investigated a complaint pertaining to security camera footage of a man attempting to drown a cat.

Video showed Kloda physically abusing the cat, carrying it by the legs and tail,

throwing it, kicking it and placing it under running water in a laundry room tub.

When confronted, Kloda said the cat was a stray and that he had released it back outside following the incident.

However, the cat couldn't be found.

The security footage was deemed to be evidence enough on its own and Kloda was arrested and charged.

Chew felt sickened when watching the incident unfold, he said in a statement.

"This was one of the worst examples of intentional animal abuse I have ever seen in my eight years as an investigator, and it was a solid case because it was captured on security footage," he said.

"I felt physically sick while watching it transpire."

Humane Society executive director Judy Foster said she believes the 99-year prohibition on Kloda owning and caring for animals is a first in Ontario.

"The court obviously took this situation very seriously and decided that this individual cannot have an animal for 99 years," she said.

"That's a pretty significant statement from the court."

By the numbers

Canada has long been recognized as a multicultural melting pot. And London is no different. London was first settled by Europeans starting in 1801. It first became a village in 1826. Since then, London has grown to be the largest Southwestern Ontario municipality, and Canada's 11th largest. The numbers for London and its immigrant population break down like this:

- **When did the immigrants arrive?** According to the 2011 National Household Survey, 76,585 immigrants live in the city. The biggest surge — 21,210 — came between 2001 and 2011. That's followed closely by the 20,020 people who came before 1971.

- **How old were they when they arrived?** The highest portion, 30,390, were 25 to 44 years old when they arrived.

- **Where did they come from when they landed in London?** The largest group of immigrants, 35,065, were born in Europe, with the biggest section of that group, 10,035, coming from the United Kingdom.

- **Where was another immigrant hot spot?** Second to people born in Europe were immigrants from Asia, accounting for 23,440 people.

- **What languages are the most common?** The top two languages spoken other than English and French are Spanish and Arabic.



Panelists arranged by the London Multicultural Club address a room of newcomers to Canada on Tuesday, offering advice on how best to integrate and find work in their chosen professions. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Immigrants air issues, looking for some answers

Talk to almost any politician, and they'll tell you Canada needs highly-trained immigrants. Talk to foreign-trained professionals, and many will tell you, it just isn't that easy.

The London Multicultural Club set out to bridge that gap Tuesday with a room full of immigrants and a roundtable of experts.

Their message? Be patient and never give up.

It's a motto Sherin El-Khawaga knows well.

Educated in the British education system through an embassy in Kuwait, El-Khawaga is a medical doctor with a master's degree in radiology. She speaks fluent English and has managed multiple radiology departments in Egyptian hospitals.

She came to London four years ago, and is now enrolled in the radiology technologist

program at Fanshawe College. When she graduates, she will be working at the same level as the people she used to manage.

"When I came to Canada I was very realistic. I knew I wasn't going to practice medicine, so I wanted to go into ultrasound, I had been doing it for 10 to 12 years as a doctor," said El-Khawaga.

Initially it looked promising, her credentials passed the first hurdle, she was asked to take a proficiency test and that's when the red tape started to appear.

"I was told there was no test in Ontario, but that I could take the test in Alberta. I called Alberta and was told I would need to take a 12-week course at my own expense," she said. "I started to make arrangements and was told I needed to be a resident in Al-

berta for one year."

London West MPP Peggy Sattler was at the forum and said more government and private sector work needs to be invested in finding newcomers jobs in their fields.

"We hear Canadian experience is a huge barrier to employment," said Sattler. "Employers are recognizing the Canadian labour market has flatlined, and future labour market growth shows it will only come from immigrant workers."

El-Khawaga has simple and direct message for foreign trained physicians who are thinking of immigrating to Canada.

"Don't come to Canada," she said. "It is true when the government says they need them, but the physicians here don't want them."

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Immigration profile. 'We are the next generation'

Deeq Abdi has always wanted to help other people.

When he arrived in Canada from Africa 11 years ago, he hoped to find a job where he could do just that.

Things weren't that easy.

"I faced my own challenges, but I also saw so many other people who were facing their own challenges," he said. "I never thought that it was going to be such a hard challenge to immigrate."

Frustrated with not being able to find work, Abdi set out to do what he knew he was good at. He founded the African Community Council in an effort to help people from his home country navigate their new home.

"Canada is built by immigrants, we all come from somewhere. That's why Canada is the most multicultural



Deeq Abdi MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

country in the world," he said.

"The Italians, the Portuguese, the Irish, they all came and built this country. We are the next generation and we want to continue to build this country."

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Immigration profile. 'No Canadian experience'

Kamala Hasanova moved to London from the Middle East eight years ago.

In her native country, she was trained as an accountant.

After getting settled, Hasanova set out to do everything Tuesday's expert panel recommended. But, she said, there's no fast track to getting where she was before immigrating.

"I am working, I cannot complain, so many people are out there who are not," said Hasanova. "When I first arrived I began volunteering everywhere I could, and am still doing that today."

"I spent two years looking for work after graduating. In college we were told we



Kamala Hasanova MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

could expect a job that would pay between \$18 and \$20 per hour.

"I went on so many job interviews and was told over and over that I had no Canadian experience."

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Reporter rejects Ford's 'apology'

Defamation.
Toronto mayor's statement not enough to halt lawsuit

Rob Ford's apology Tuesday for his televised comments about Daniel Dale failed to satisfy the Toronto Star reporter, who said he is going ahead with a defamation lawsuit against the Toronto mayor.

Ford read a statement in council saying he didn't intend to suggest Dale is a pedophile during a televised interview with Conrad Black.

"I never called Mr. Dale a pedophile," Ford said. "I have never used that word to describe Mr. Dale. I do not believe Mr. Dale is a pedophile nor did I intend to suggest that in my comments."

Ford said he apologizes if his "actual words" have caused Dale any harm or personal offence. The mayor called it "unfortunate" that a word he never said has been "ascribed" to him by the media.

Those remarks come a week after Ford initially said he stood by every word of the interview.

Dale served Ford last week

with a libel notice, demanding the mayor retract all of his false claims about what happened during an incident near Ford's house in May 2012 and issue an "unreserved, abject, complete apology."

Hours after Ford read his statement, Dale issued one of his own on Twitter, saying Ford's apology didn't even come close to what he sought.

"In his 'apology,' the mayor didn't retract anything at all," Dale wrote. "Instead, he blamed the media for its reasonable interpretation of his words."

During the interview with Black, which aired Dec. 9 on VisionTV, Ford claimed that Dale was in his backyard, "taking pictures of little kids."

"I don't want to say that word, but you start thinking what this guy is all about," Ford said.

If pedophile wasn't "that word," then someone should ask Ford what word he was suggesting, Dale said in an interview.

"I think to some extent now it doesn't matter what he was suggesting," Dale said.

"Whether it's his intent or not it's the impression that was left and I don't think it's because the media misinterpreted him." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The reluctant apologist

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has been forced to apologize for various behaviours and off-colour or insulting remarks since the so-called crack video scandal broke in May.

Dec. 17:

Reluctantly apologized for suggesting members of council were "corrupt." He initially withdrew his comments, but speaker Frances Nunziata said he needed to apologize. "Which one do you want, Madam Speaker?" Ford said sarcastically. "Like, 'Super, super, super, super, super, super, super sorry? So sorry?'"

Nov. 18:

Apologizes for running into Coun. Pam McConnell and knocking her over during a council meeting to strip the mayor of most of his powers. "It was a complete accident," Ford said.

Nov. 14:

Apologizes for crude remarks he made earlier that day in which he denied offering a former female

staffer oral sex, saying he had "more than enough to eat at home."

Nov. 8:

Appears ashamed while delivering a statement in response to a video that surfaced of a rambling, enraged Ford in a profanity-laced tirade in which he threatens to kill someone. "Obviously, I was extremely, extremely inebriated," he said.

Nov. 5:

Apologizes after admitting he had indeed smoked crack cocaine, likely in one of his drunken stupors.

Nov. 3:

Apologizes on his now-cancelled weekly radio show on Newstalk1010 for making mistakes including appearing in public while "hammered" and texting while driving.

May 27:

Apologizes to reporters for calling them a "bunch of maggots" during his radio show.



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford looks up to the press gallery as he concludes reading an apology to Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale on Tuesday.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crane operator rescued from fire

In a dramatic rescue Tuesday that drew a gasping crowd, a military helicopter swooped in to airlift a worker trapped on a construction crane above a massive fire in Kingston.

Police said the crane operator suffered only minor injuries after being stranded when the blaze broke out around 2:15 p.m. at an apartment building that was under construction.

John Ashie was working at his family's car dealership down the street when his father asked him about the black smoke that was rising above the neighbourhood.

The 22-year-old stepped onto the street just in time to see bright orange flames burst through the roof of the five-storey apartment complex that takes up at least one city block.

"Thirty seconds went by and then the whole top was up in flames," Ashie told The Canadian Press.

Not long after, those who had gathered to watch fire officials battle the blaze noticed a figure perched atop a construction crane at the burning apartment complex.

"He actually had to get out



Firefighters battle a major fire in downtown Kingston, Tuesday. INSET: A crane operator sits on top of a crane. The man was later rescued by Search and Rescue Helicopter from CFB Trenton. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

of the little booth he was in and walk across the entire length of the crane, which would have been frightening enough," said Ashie. "He had to sit on the edge of the crane, and about 15 minutes later the flames were so big they were going up above the crane."

There were a few anxious moments as those on the ground watched the fire grow.

"As the flames started to get bigger and bigger and bigger, it started to get pretty worrisome," said Ashie. "He must have been going through hell up there."

A Griffon helicopter deployed from CFB Trenton plucked the worker from the crane at 3:35 p.m. and took him to a waiting ambulance. Police said all the other construction workers at the site are believed to be accounted for.

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Rob Ford, royal baby and twerking. Google reveals year's top search terms

After dissecting the more than 40 billion queries submitted throughout 2013, Google Canada has declared Toronto's notorious Mayor Rob Ford as search term of the year.

While Facebook was the absolute top search of the year — as it has been for several years running — Ford topped Google's so-called trending list, representing the search terms that stood out most compared to previous web history.

Ford was followed by the late Glee actor Cory Monteith, who died of an overdose in July; Fast and Furious actor Paul Walker, who was killed in a car crash last month; murder victim Tim Bosma; and the Boston marathon.

Nelson Mandela, royal baby, North Korea, the Harlem Shake dance craze and Lac-Mégantic rounded out the Top 10 list.

One of the most interesting annual lists Google releases is a countdown of trending "what is" searches, which reveals what topics web searchers were



Miley Cyrus "twerking" onstage with Robin Thicke during the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York City. NEILSON BARNARD/GETTY IMAGES

keen to learn more about.

"What is twerking" topped the list, and the provocative dance was also the No. 1 "how to" search. Fracking was second on the "what is" list, followed by ricin, bbm, molly, bitcoin, Monsanto, Snapchat, EPO and DOMA.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Facebook tests video ads in news feeds

Monetizing socializing.

Ads will automatically start playing, without sound, as another way for the social network to make money

Facebook said Tuesday that it's testing video advertisements

that show up in its users' news feeds, creating another potential source of advertising revenue for the social network.

Under the current plan, the advertisements automatically start playing without sound when they appear. Users can click on a video to view it with sound, or scroll past it if they're not interested.

Facebook said it's been testing the silent auto-playing vid-

Analyst likes move

\$1B

Citi analyst Mark May backed his 'buy' rating for Facebook's stock, noting that the video ad effort was expected and could add more than half a billion dollars US to the company's revenue next year and up to \$1 billion US by 2016.

eos for video content shared

between Facebook users since September, and has seen a 10 per cent increase in the number of videos watched, liked, shared and commented on.

Investors appeared to give the plan a thumbs-up, as they lifted Facebook's shares to an all-time high of \$55.18 US Tuesday morning. The stock pulled back to \$54.67 US in afternoon trading.

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Your news feed is about to get a bit more cluttered, with video ads. GETTY IMAGES

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Replaces the late Larsson

New author to pen Girl With Dragon Tattoo sequel


The Swedish publisher of the bestselling The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo trilogy said Tuesday it has hired an author to write a sequel to the series by Stieg Larsson, who died in 2004.

Norstedts said it signed a contract with David Lagercrantz, the author of I Am Zlatan, a biography of Zlatan Ibrahimovic, the captain of Sweden's soccer team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

 **DOLLAR**
94.25¢ (-0.21¢)

 **TSX**
13,180.09 (-4.32)

 **OIL**
\$97.22 US (-\$0.26)

 **GOLD**
\$1,230.10 US (-\$14.30)

Natural gas: \$4.28 US (+\$0.02)
Dow Jones: 15,875.26 (-9.31)



Smile, Siam Paragon mall, you're No.1 on Instagram!

Will she be posting that pic of an aquatic animal display at Siam Ocean World in Siam Paragon shopping mall to Instagram? Sure, the Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal and the Grand Canyon are picturesque. But the luxury mall in the heart of Bangkok has claimed this year's crown as the world's most photographed location on Instagram in 2013, says the photo-sharing app. It edged out No. 2 Times Square and No. 3 Disneyland in California, as well as New York's Central Park and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

By the time you read this, someone could be at least \$636 million richer.

That's the U.S. Mega Millions jackpot, which was drawn last night. If nobody wins, the next draw will be Friday, and the prize will approach \$1 billion, which is so ridiculous, it's hard to type.

Of course, Uncle Sam gets his half right off the top, but that will still be a cool half-billion after taxes.

Buried somewhere in the fine print are the odds, which are only about one in 259 million. But somebody has to win eventually, and it won't be you if you don't buy a ticket.

Canadians are eligible to buy a Mega Millions ticket, but only if they cross-border shop to do it.

So when you're shopping for cheese or cheap gas, don't forget your one-in-259-million chance to join the one per cent overnight.



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan

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I wonder if the latest Mega Millionaire will follow the example of Calgarian Tom Crist, who won \$40 million in the Lotto Max recently, then decided to give it all away to charity to commemorate his wife, who died of lung cancer two years ago.

Tom says he's already financially secure thanks to his successful business and he doesn't need the money. But I imagine it's not easy to give away 40 million bucks, never mind 600 million.

Tom's story is particularly compelling because this is the season of giving and he sets the bar pretty high. Even the post-ghost Ebenezer Scrooge looks like a piker in comparison.

For years now, my wife has been dutifully buying lottery tickets while I scoff and snort in a nearby dark corner. Just as dutifully, she lists all the people she will help when she wins \$40 million or whatever. And as much as I ridicule the whole

process as pointless, it's not long before I start worrying how we're going to afford the villa on the Riviera while fighting cancer and paying off the mortgages of various friends and relatives.

And then, I remember:

1.) It's her ticket. If I want the villa on the Riviera, I can buy my own ticket.

2.) The odds of winning Lotto Max aren't quite one in 259 million, but I'm more likely to be hit by lightning, and how many times has that happened, touch wood? So what am I going on about?

3.) Whatever happened to my generosity of spirit? It's pretty bad when I can't even imagine giving it away.

So thanks, Tom Crist. With the Spirit of Crist-mas present, you've inspired me to go out, buy a lottery ticket and think about giving it all away. If no one has claimed the Mega Millions prize after last night's draw, I may even head for the border and buy a ticket so I can imagine giving \$600 million away. What joy! Of course, there's no chance I'll actually win anything, is there?

So don't get too excited out there...

ZOOM

Carnivore plant pic wins award

A picture of a meat-eating water plant has won this year's Olympus BioScapes International Digital Imaging Competition. Polish-born biologist Igor Siwanowicz's photo shows the inside of an open trap of aquatic carnivorous plant, the humped bladderwort (*Utricularia gibba*), which digests micro invertebrates sucked into its trap. **METRO**

Q and A

An underwater hunter



IGOR SIWANOWICZ
Biologist, 37, from Krakow, Poland, based in Ashburn, Va.

How does it catch its prey?

Antenna-like 'trigger hairs' guide an aquatic arthropod toward the trapdoor. Touching a hair causes the entrance to bulge inward. The plant's walls rapidly spring back to their initial position and the prey is sucked in within a millisecond!

It looks like a sort of bizarre, otherworldly vessel.

Yes, like an alien treasure stash! Honestly, if I tried I couldn't have planned this image to turn out this way. This photograph stands as a salute to nature's ingenuity.



IGOR SIWANOWICZ/2013 OLYMPUS BIOSCAPES INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL IMAGING COMPETITION

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It's a familiar refrain: an app debuts, gets popular and then gets banned from either the iTunes store or the Google Play store for violating our mobile overlords' terms of service. In the case of Apple, banning an app from iTunes effectively kills it (unless you're willing to jailbreak your phone), but Android's relative openness allows for side-loading apps. So, for all you Android users out there, here are some of the best of the banned:



CONTRIBUTED

Falcon Pro (getfalcon.pro):

Arguably one of the best Twitter clients for Android, Falcon Pro vanished from the Play store last summer. To be fair, it wasn't Google's doing, but rather Twitter's. The company's user limit for third-party clients — which some believe is an attempt to corral everyone into the official app — kiboshed Falcon for new users. Fortunately, you can still install the app, and a little Googling will show you how to circumvent Twitter's limit.

CyanogenMod (cyanogenmod.org):

CyanogenMod is a user-created alternative to stock Android. It's the most popular Android remix on the

market, and allows users get the latest version of the OS if their manufacturer hasn't released an update. An easy-to-use installer for CyanogenMod was booted from the Play store in November but can still be found online. Be warned, as Google claims installing CyanogenMod can void your warranty.

Amazon Appstore (amazon.com/getappstore):

Google may not always be evil, but they do hate competition. Intended for Kindle users, the Amazon Appstore contains many of the same apps as the official Play store, and also offers regular sales and freebies. Fortunately, the app is still available via Amazon's website.

Comments

@debbiepalm44: Twitter needs them too!

RE: The Vomit Face, The Dislike And The Nobody Cares: Facebook Buttons We'd 'Like', says Metro's Jessica Napier, published Dec. 17

@luxembourg5: OK, the facebook buttons sound great, but enough already about trashing Rob Ford~it gets boring.

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Hollywood's in for the long con

American Hustle.

Bale's latest role has him playing a con artist who helps the FBI, but with this genre, it's a con that's been seen before



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"You're a con artist," wrote Karina Halle in *Sins & Needles*. "A liar. A thief. An unredeemable soul."

She might also have added to that colourful list really interesting movie character.

As despicable as flim flam artists may be, there is no denying they make good film subjects.

This weekend in *American Hustle*, Christian Bale plays Irving Rosenfeld, a con man forced to help the FBI ensnare a group of corrupt politicians in the ABSCAM sting operation.

Although *American Hustle* director David O. Russell says his film is a fictionalized account of events, the ABSCAM operation was headline news in the early 1980s and Hollywood took notice.

In 1982 director Louis Malle was making plans for a May start date on an ABSCAM film called *Moon Over Miami* starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi. Belushi was to play Melvin Weinberg, based on the same man as Bale's character in *American Hustle*. The movie was scuttled following Belushi's death in March of that year.

That con man film never saw the light of day, but many others have.



Amy Adams and Christian Bale star in *American Hustle*, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Everyone knows *The Sting* and *The Grifters*, but lesser seen is David Mamet's *The Spanish Prisoner*, a complicated story starring Campbell Scott as Joe Ross, a man who invents a process "to control the world market." Concerned that he will not be properly compensated for his work he contacts Jimmy Dell

(Steve Martin), a wealthy businessman who offers to help. Little does Ross know that he has just stepped into a world of deception that will change his life.

Steve Martin's performance in *The Spanish Prisoner* was Oscar worthy, but it wasn't the first time he played a confidence man on

film.

In the comedy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* he starred opposite Michael Caine as a scruffy con man trying to muscle in on some high end business on the French Riviera. Caine's suave grifter makes a bet with Martin. Whoever can con Soap Queen Janet Colgate (Glenn Head-

Movie review



Stay classy Will Ferrell

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues

Stars. Will Ferrell, Steve Carell

Anchorman 2 may not be as classy (or as funny) as its 2004 progenitor but it's definitely more outrageous. For better or worse, star and co-writer Will Ferrell clearly had free rein with a foolish fable of the hapless broadcaster taking on the televised origin of 24-hour news. Ferrell and his star-studded cast will surely earn laughs — even if the sequel falls short of the original's cohesion.

STEVE GOW/METRO

ley) first will walk away with \$50,000.

The movie was written for Mick Jagger and David Bowie who were looking to do a project together after the success of their *Dancing in the Street* video. The rock stars dropped out before cameras rolled — Bowie later said both were, "a bit tweezed that we lost out on a script that could have been reasonably good" — and replaced by Martin and Caine whose hilarious performances earned the movie a spot on Bravo's 100 Funniest Movies list.

Nirvana in spotlight with Hall of fame nod

Rock and Roll. In addition to the Teen Spirit superstars Kiss, Peter Gabriel, Hall and Oates, Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens join in

Linda Ronstadt and Cat Stevens also will be inducted April 10 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Artists are eligible for induction 25 years after their first release.

Nirvana won a nomination in its first year of eligibility and next year the band will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its debut, *Bleach*.

The induction comes 20 years after frontman Kurt Cobain committed suicide at age 27.

This year also marked

first-time nominations for Hall and Oates, Gabriel and Ronstadt. Kiss and Stevens, who have been nominated in the past, made the cut after being absent from the list for several years.

N.W.A., one of the 16 nominees announced in October, did not make the list.

The iconic rap group includes Dr. Dre, who has had successful solo albums and who is the producer behind Eminem, 50 Cent and Kendrick Lamar.

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The remaining members of Nirvana will be inducted into the 2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on April 10. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 SCENE

Even Elementary's Jon Michael Hill doesn't have a clue about next season

What a mystery. Actor says he never knows from writers what's in store for Detective Marcus Bell



MICHELLE CASTILLO

Metro World News in London

Elementary fans who are sleuthing for clues about the next season will be just as surprised as actor Jon Michael Hill when all the twists and turns are revealed.

Hill, who plays Detective Marcus Bell in the Sherlock Holmes-inspired series, admitted that he doesn't call up the writers in order to find out what's next for his character and his cohorts.

"It's been, you know, difficult not to have more



Jon Michael Hill, far right, plays Detective Marcus Bell in the series Elementary. CONTRIBUTED

information, but that just means you get to use your imagination more, which is what I love to do," he explained.

The actor said that he didn't know anything about the famed detective before signing on to the series either.

After meeting with show creator Robert Doherty, he went out and bought an anthology of all the Sherlock Holmes stories and was instantly hooked.

"I was very surprised at how wild his character really is and it's great to see the kind of, you know, the little things that Jonny (Lee Miller, who plays Sherlock)

Character development

"...you get to use your imagination more, which is what I love to do."

Jon Michael Hill

On not having more information about his character, Detective Marcus Bell

picks up and tries to use and the spin they put on the addiction angle of it," he said.

That doesn't mean that Hill doesn't have any suggestions for where his character's storyline should go.

For one thing, he wants them to bring back his incarcerated brother, Andre Bell.

He'd also like to learn

more about his character's mother.

But, one thing he isn't clamouring for is another love interest.

"I don't really care, they can do what they want with that," he said. "The last girlfriend they gave me, the ex ended up trying to kill me!"

Though Hill had training on how to portray a detective after playing Detective Damon Washington in Detroit 1-8-7, he said Bell is a completely different character.

He had fun playing the family man Washington, but he admits that the situations Hill gets into because of Sherlock and Watson are more interesting in general.

Hill says he still works with the cops who act as technical advisors on set to make sure the show is true to life and to provide him with inspiration for his character.

"They're always really cool and they've got stories for days," he explained. "It's really crazy, and they kind of take pride in having the stories that they think might make you squirm."

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Dylan Sprouse

Disney star lays out the bare truth on his pictures

Now that former Disney child star Dylan Sprouse has had time to think about his nude photo leak, he wants everyone to calm down.

"The reason I'm making light of the situation is because I don't think what I did was wrong," the 21-year-old writes on his Tumblr page. "I was proud of my progress in the gym, thought I looked hot and wanted to share it."

He just didn't mean to share it with the actual recipient of the photos.

"The real problem here was not me sending my pictures to someone, but rather sending them to the wrong someone," Sprouse writes. "The real travesty is a misplaced trust, and while I am certainly to blame for it, it is a shame that my private life was somehow forcibly dragged into the public's perception of me."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Lil Wayne isn't dead, but the Internet is ready if he is

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At this point, Lil Wayne is basically a superhero, given how many times he's come back from the dead.

Yet another Lil Wayne death rumour was making the rounds on Facebook Tuesday. RIP Rapper Lil Wayne Found Dead, the video reads, before prompting the user to share it before viewing. Not to worry, though — the rapper is alive and well.

It's not clear where this latest rumour springs from (the Inquisitr speculates it could be a Facebook data harvesting scam, since you have to share the video to

view it), but it's far from the first time death rumours have swirled around the rapper. The most credible was this summer, when he was hospitalized for seizures and TMZ reported that he was on his deathbed. However, he recovered.

Why is Lil Wayne such a frequent target of death rumours? Maybe because his real health problems make them quasi-credible. The rapper is epileptic, which is what landed him in the hospital this summer.

"It got real bad because I got three (seizures) in a row, and on the third one my heart rate went down to, like, 30 per cent," he said in a radio interview with Power 106. "Basically, I could've died soon. That's why it was so serious."

I guess he can take some comfort in knowing that if (God forbid) anything ever does happen to him, the Internet has a bunch of In Memoriam videos all ready to go.



Beyoncé. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Beyoncé's new album won't hit the Target

It seems not everyone enjoyed the surprise Beyoncé pulled off with her latest album, which debuted online last week with no prior notice. Retail chain Target, in fact, is refusing to carry the album, according to Billboard.

"At Target we focus on offering our guests a wide assortment of physical CDs, and when a new album is available digitally before it is available physically, it

impacts demand and sales projections," a spokeswoman for the chain says. "While there are many aspects that contribute to our approach and we have appreciated partnering with Beyoncé in the past, we are primarily focused on offering CDs that will be available in a physical format at the same time as all other formats. At this time, Target will not be carrying Beyoncé's new self-titled album Beyoncé."



Jason Bateman

Jason Bateman urges Aniston to get married

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have been getting some well-intentioned pressure to just go ahead and tie the knot already from someone very close to them: good friend Jason Bateman.

"Jason has been one of the biggest cheerleaders for Justin to pull the trigger and marry Jen," a source tells Radar Online.

"Jen has had her own trepidations, too, after her marriage to Brad Pitt failed. But Jason loves both of them to pieces and as a longtime married father of two himself, he's a better example of how to achieve personal happiness in Hollywood."

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!
If all this white stuff make visions of mogul bumps dance in your head, here are a few exciting developments you should know about for the 2013-2014 ski season.



ON THE MOVE
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Rossland's Red Mountain

Just in time for the 2013/2014 ski season, Red Mountain Resort in Rossland, British Columbia has completed the largest expansion of any ski resort in North America in more than four decades. The development of Grey Mountain means an additional 1,000 acres of mostly intermediate terrain to the existing resort. Part of BC's renowned Powder Highway, Red is a two and a half hour drive from Spokane, Washington and three hours from Kelowna.

5 Perks for the powder hounds



Cat tracks and snowshoes

Alberta's Fortress Mountain was closed as a ski resort in 2006. Over the last three years, KPOW (Kananaskis Powder) skiing at Fortress Mountain has brought a cat skiing operation back to sections of the mountain. Ski leaders will tour and teach anyone wanting to take advantage of the eight to 11 metres of annual snowfall. New this year, KPOW is partnering with White Mountain Adventures to offer snowshoeing at Fortress Mountain.



Brand new trails at Blue!

Ontario's premier ski resort, Blue Mountain, has added an additional 64 acres with its Orchard Expansion, which includes six new trails and the latest high-speed chairlift system to get you there. Their lift rate specials are on designated weeks from January to March, but for those spontaneous, flexible souls, Blue Mountain offers a last-minute Hot Deals club that includes the full gamut of accommodations.



Happy 75th Tremblant!

Quebec's Mont Tremblant is turning 75 this year. As part of the anniversary celebrations, the resort has invested \$5 million into The Westin Resort & Spa Tremblant and renovated a number of boutiques and restaurants in the resort's charming village. The mountain is featuring a long lineup of events throughout the winter including its traditional New Year's Eve party, the official 75th anniversary spring celebrations, the must-attend Caribou Cup, and a new Red Bull signature event that extends over four weekends from March 29 to April 19.



Ski — then stay at La Ferme

If you are planning to hit the slopes of Le Massif de Charlevoix this winter, avoid the 45 minute commute back and forth between Quebec City and stay at the Hôtel La Ferme. Constructed out of an old dairy farm in the middle of a field in Baie-Saint-Paul, this charming hotel is connecting by rail to the ski hills. From the hotel's lobby, skiers can walk into the train station, choose a take-out lunch, hop on the rail shuttle with their skis and get off right at the foot of trails.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire? They'd be happier in these truffles

Who doesn't love chocolate truffles? They are the essence of chocolate, and a sure-fire mood enhancer. Pop even one into your mouth and see if you don't get happy.

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the chestnuts and water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook until the chestnuts are very tender and all the water has been absorbed, about 30 minutes.

2. Add the milk and heat the mixture until it just comes to a simmer. Remove the pan from the heat, add the chocolate, then recover the pan. Let stand off the burner until the chocolate is melted, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir and transfer to a blender along with the espresso powder, salt, corn syrup and liquor. Blend until very smooth.

3. Transfer to a bowl, cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill until very firm, at least 3

Ingredients

- 5.2-oz pkg roasted and peeled chestnuts, medium chopped
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup low-fat evaporated milk
- 4 oz bittersweet chocolate, medium chopped
- 1 tsp instant espresso powder or 1 tbsp instant coffee
- Pinch of table salt
- 2 tbsp light corn syrup
- 2 tsp Tia Maria, Kahlua, Baileys, brandy or rum
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder

hours. Form the mixture into small balls (about 2 tsp each) and roll the balls in the cocoa powder until they are coated, shaking off the excess. Chill until ready to serve. Will keep, refrigerated, for 2 weeks.

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Spiked Mocha Chestnut Truffles



This recipe makes 20 truffles. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Peppermint Sapphire Splash

- 1 and 1/2 oz Bombay Sapphire
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- 1 and 1/2 oz white cranberry juice
- 1/2 oz peppermint liqueur
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If you need some inspiration to get ahead, look to the big man in red

Is Santa the employee of the century? He checks his lists twice, he's got the nice thing down, what more can you ask for in a worker?

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If you're planning on spending some of your holiday downtime on your job search, use the big man himself as someone to model your employable self after.

Not only has he been extremely successful in his career, but he consistently demonstrates a solid work ethic and embodies the qualities of an admirable worker.

Take a look at the top reasons Santa continues to excel year after year and stands strong as a model employee:

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What's your version of impossible? Changing industries, going back to school, getting a position that's outside of your experience?

Have a goal, put your mind to it, and you too can fit in places you never thought possible.

He has a can-do attitude

The whole 'getting around the entire world in one night' detail has stumped the public for centuries —

to the point where people use this as the sole reason to stop believing in Santa Claus.

I know, I know.

Think you have too much on your plate? Have people telling you you're under-qualified and not skilled enough for what you want to do? You can do anything you set your mind to — just ask Santa.

He asks for what he needs

Santa has one of the busiest jobs around. He has billions of people relying on him to gear up and deliver — literally.

He knows he can do it, but he also knows he might need a little help along the way.

Santa has no shame in asking for some milk and cookies to give him the energy he needs to power through.



Sure it looks like a lot to take on, but Santa's got a can-do attitude when it comes to all tasks, and so should you.

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If you feel like you don't have all the tools or training you need to most effectively do your job, speak up!

Your boss wants you to be productive — and if there's something you need help with in order to do just that, they should know about it.

He gives back

Santa never steals the spotlight, constantly paying recognition to his hardworking elves and reindeer: two very important pieces in the holiday puzzle. Santa

couldn't be Santa without a team and he knows that.

Santa also engages. Write him a letter and he will write back!

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NBL Canada

Rainmen coming to London minus charged guard

The Halifax Rainmen will leave one player behind when they come to London later this week.

Guard Tyler Richards has been suspended indefinitely after he was charged with assault stemming from an alleged weekend bar incident.

Team owner Andre Levingston made the announcement Tuesday, one day after the news of the charge was made public.

"We're going to suspend him for now, pending the outcome of the investigation," Levingston said. "Naturally, the allegation is a concern of ours."

Police officers responded to an incident at a Halifax nightclub early Sunday morning where a 22-year-old woman alleged she was assaulted by a 27-year-old man inside the bar.

Richards was held in custody overnight and faces a single count of assault for the alleged incident. He is due in court Jan. 30.

The Lightning face the Rainmen at 7 p.m. Thursday at Budweiser Gardens.

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Halifax Rainmen guard
Tyler Richards

JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

A short-lived return to London

NBL Canada. Fan favourite Freeman leaving Lightning for 'personal reasons'



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One of the most well-known faces of the London Lightning is gone.

Gabe Freeman decided to leave the team for "personal reasons," officials said in a statement released Tuesday evening. The move is effective immediately.

"We wish Gabe all the best in his future endeavours and career," general manager Taylor Brown said. "The London Lightning team is family and all of our players are going to stick together to continue to win games for the City of London."

It's a stark contrast to the excitement that filled Lightning management in August when they announced Freeman would return for the 2013-14 season.

Named the National Basketball League of Canada's MVP in its inaugural season two years ago, Freeman averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds per game for the Bolts.

Freeman, 28, left London to play in the Philippines during the 2012-13 season.

He never fully returned to form with the Lightning, scoring only 20 points in his first three games combined. After signs of a rebound, things stalled when Freeman was



Gabe Freeman, league MVP in the Lightning's inaugural year, has left the team for personal reasons. METRO FILE

sidelined last month.

Coach Micheal Ray Richardson and other team officials have said he was dealing with a hand injury and, again, personal issues.

Freeman's departure is the latest move on what's become an ever-changing Lightning roster.

Plus, the six-foot-five forward was a fan favourite.

Shortly after the announcement, people started reaching out on Twitter, sending him their best wishes and regrets.

@JKCSports1 wrote: "You're a great player, great dude, pleasure meeting you.

And I respect the work you do in the community. Take care brother."

That was followed up with a tweet from @ForrestBivens that read: "The community appreciates all you've done, off and on the court. Best of success to you & your family."

Freeman (@gabefreeman25) responded with: "Hey everyone thanks for the love. I haven't left London, ill be here for a bit to enjoy the snow."

Several players have been cut and replacements brought in as the team, sitting third in the standings, looks for the right balance.

Well-travelled Freeman

Freeman went to high school in Tempe, Ariz., and has repeatedly expressed his love for London saying he considers it his "hometown."

- After high school, he played two years at Mesa Community College. When he wasn't picked up in the 2007 NBA draft, he went on to play professionally in the U.S., Mexico and Australia.

4 SPORTS



OVERTIME

with Micheal Ray Richardson

Get on the inside track with the London Lightning as Metro's Dave Langford chats with coach and former NBA star Micheal Ray, every week at metronews.ca





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Kevin Dineen addresses a Hockey Canada news conference announcing him as the new head coach of Canada's national women's team, in Calgary, Tuesday. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former NHLer takes reins of Canadian women's squad

Olympic hockey. Coach, player Kevin Dineen says he's 'hopping on a moving train'

A big NHL name with no previous experience coaching international hockey has stepped behind the bench of Canada's Olympic women's hockey team.

Kevin Dineen was introduced Tuesday as the replacement for Dan Church, who abruptly resigned last week.

Dineen was fired last month by the NHL's Florida Panthers. He's represented Canada as a player six times, but the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, will be the first time he's coached a Canadian team.

Dineen called his hiring

"hopping on a moving train" as the Sochi opening ceremonies are less than two months away. Two forwards and a defenceman must be released before the 21-player Olympic roster is named.

Dineen was born in Quebec City, but grew up in Toronto. The 50-year-old played in 1,188 NHL regular-season games, scoring 355 goals and adding 405 assists for the Hartford Whalers, Philadelphia Flyers, Carolina Hurricanes, Columbus Blue Jackets and Ottawa Senators.

He also played for the Canadian team that finished fourth at the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

"That stuck with me a long time, not to come out of there with a medal," Dineen said. "I may have a little unfinished business from my Olympic experience."

Former bench boss

Dan Church returned home to Toronto last Thursday without addressing the players.

- Hockey Canada said he left for "personal reasons."
- Church's explanation was that he felt there was a lack of confidence in his ability to coach Canada to Olympic gold.

Dineen was in his third season coaching the Panthers when he was dismissed Nov. 8. Looking for hockey work, he said he contacted Hockey Canada president Bob Nicholson early last week about the possibility of coaching at the men's world championship in April.

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MLB

Royals introduce new 2B Infante

Omar Infante walked past the visiting clubhouse at Kauffman Stadium, where he dressed so many times as a member of the Detroit Tigers, and slipped on a Kansas City Royals jersey.

It was the latest sign that the Royals intend to compete for the AL Central this season.

The team introduced their new second baseman Tuesday, one day after announcing they had agreed to a \$30.25 million, four-year contract that includes a club option for 2018.

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MLB

Balfour signs with Orioles: Source

Two weeks after trading their closer to Oakland, the Baltimore Orioles agreed to a two-year, \$15 million deal with former Athletics closer Grant Balfour on Tuesday, according to a person familiar with the deal.

Balfour's contract will not be completed until the right-hander passes a physical, the source said.

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Sochi Games. Luge team poised to earn Canada's 1st Olympic medal in sport

World Championship and World Cup medallist Alex Gough and two-time Olympian Sam Edney will lead a promising Canadian luge team into the Sochi Games with the goal of bringing home the country's first Olympic medal in the sport.

The Canadian Luge Association officially named seven athletes to the 2014 Olympic team Tuesday. Edney will lead teenagers John Fennell and Mitchel Malyk into their first Games in men's singles. Tristan Walker and Justin Smith will represent Canada in doubles, while Gough will be joined by Kimberley McRae in women's singles.

Arianne Jones and Jordan Smith will race off in Calgary on Wednesday and Thursday for the final women's spot.

Gough snapped Germany's 13-year, 105-race winning streak when she became the first Canadian to win a World Cup luge race in 2011. Gough has since become the first Canadian to win multiple World Championship and World Cup medals.

"Success breeds success, and now all athletes on our team believe they too can win," said



Two-time Olympian Alex Gough

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Gough, who is also a two-time Olympian. "My teammates and I are all extremely dedicated. We are now among the world's best. We are hungry for the podium, and we are fiercely driven to win Canada its first-ever Olympic luge medal."

Canada has competed in luge at every Olympic Games since Grenoble 1968, but has yet to medal. They hope to contend in all disciplines in Sochi, including the new luge relay event.

Canada won the silver in the relay at the 2013 World Championships. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	33	22	9	2	92	70	46
Montreal	35	20	12	3	88	75	43
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	3	90	80	41
Detroit	35	15	11	9	89	94	39
Toronto	35	17	15	3	98	102	37
Ottawa	35	14	15	6	99	113	34
Florida	34	12	17	5	78	109	29
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	55	96	17

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	35	24	10	1	108	75	49
Washington	33	18	12	3	105	97	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
NY Rangers	34	16	17	1	76	91	33
Philadelphia	33	14	15	4	76	91	32
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	78	85	32
Columbus	34	14	16	4	87	95	32
NY Islanders	34	9	19	6	83	118	24

Tuesday's results

Calgary at Boston
Winnipeg at Buffalo
Tampa Bay at NY Islanders

Florida at Toronto
Anaheim at Detroit
Phoenix at Montreal

Washington at Philadelphia
Vancouver at Minnesota
San Jose at St. Louis

Chicago at Nashville
Colorado at Dallas
Edmonton at Los Angeles

Monday's results

Winnipeg 3 Columbus 2
Pittsburgh 3 Toronto 1
Ottawa 3 St. Louis 2 (OT)

Colorado 6 Dallas 2

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 8 p.m.

Thursday's games

Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	36	24	7	5	135	101	53
St. Louis	32	22	6	4	112	76	48
Colorado	32	22	9	1	94	75	45
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	81	81	43
Dallas	32	15	12	5	92	99	35
Nashville	33	16	14	3	77	92	35
Winnipeg	35	15	15	5	93	102	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	35	23	7	5	111	89	51
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	94	68	48
San Jose	33	20	7	6	108	82	46
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	98	83	45
Phoenix	32	18	9	5	104	100	41
Calgary	33	13	15	5	86	106	31
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	93	120	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	28	47
Kane, Chi	19	26	45
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	23	39
Ovechkin, Wash	27	10	37
Tavares, NYI	13	24	37
Perry, Ana	21	15	36
Backstrom, Wash	8	28	36
Steen, STL	22	13	35
Thornton, SJ	5	30	35
Seguin, Dal	18	15	33
Kunitz, Pgh	17	16	33
Sharp, Chi	16	17	33
Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	4	.833	—
d-Miami	18	6	.750	2
Atlanta	13	12	.520	7½
d-Boston	12	14	.462	9
Detroit	12	14	.462	9
Washington	10	13	.435	9½
Charlotte	10	14	.417	10
Toronto	9	13	.409	10
Chicago	9	14	.391	10½
Cleveland	9	14	.391	10½
Brooklyn	9	15	.375	11
Orlando	8	17	.320	12½
New York	7	17	.292	13
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	14
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	21	4	.840	—
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	1
d-San Antonio	19	5	.792	1½
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	4½
Houston	16	9	.640	5
Phoenix	14	9	.609	6
Denver	14	9	.609	6
Dallas	14	10	.583	6½
Golden State	13	12	.520	8
New Orleans	11	11	.500	8½
Minnesota	12	13	.480	9
L.A. Lakers	11	13	.458	9½
Memphis	10	13	.435	10
Sacramento	7	15	.318	12½
Utah	6	21	.222	16

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Portland at Cleveland
Sacramento at Charlotte
L.A. Lakers at Memphis
Oklahoma City at Denver
New Orleans at Golden State

Monday's results

Detroit 101 Indiana 96
Boston 101 Minnesota 97
Atlanta 114 L.A. Lakers 100
Miami 117 Utah 94
Washington 102 New York 101
Brooklyn 130 Philadelphia 94
Orlando 83 Chicago 82
L.A. Clippers 115 San Antonio 92

End the Soul searching with Kia



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Review. New looks, new platform, but the same ...

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It has a lot of new in it, on it and under it, but unless you're really paying attention, you might not realize it.

On the surface, you have to wonder about the time and money spent to build the 2014 Kia Soul, but it's really no different than with brands such as Mini that spend millions on a new car that looks much the same as before. That's "the brand" after all.

The Mini has more history than the Soul, but the Soul is no less unique and there is a certain cachet about it. Only a handful of models have tried to match the Soul's artful shape since it arrived for the 2011 model year.

For the mid-cycle refresh, Kia's California and Korea-based design teams used the 2012 Track'ster concept show vehicle as a starting point. They did tone down that bit of zaniness (a two-door wagon doesn't cut it out in the real world), but a number of shape-shifting elements were passed along to the 2014 Soul. The Soul's overall packaging has also been upsized a bit. The distance between the front and rear wheels increases by about 2.5 centimetres while about 1.5-centimetres has been added to the width.

These changes, along with a slight body-height reduction, give the Soul a more planted ap-

pearance. On the practical side, cargo space has been increased slightly (with the rear seats up or folded flat) and the liftgate opening is now six centimetres wider.

The added size comes from a new platform that's larger and considerably stiffer (by 29 per cent). Combined with a numerous suspension revisions, Kia claims the 2014 Soul is quieter and has an improved ride that performs more smoothly over bumps and undulations.

Also adding to the cabin's allure is a thoroughly revised and upgraded dashboard, control panel and seat coverings. Nearly all of the plasticity bits are now covered in/replaced with soft-touch materials, as are the door panels. The steering wheel resembles a game-console controller, but at least the controls are large enough to be activated by average-sized digits.

Both of the Soul's four-cylinder engine choices return for 2014, albeit in slightly revised form. The base 1.6-litre unit is rated at 130 horsepower and 118 pound-feet of torque (previously 138/123), while the optional 2.0-litre four-cylinder returns with the same 164 horsepower as before, but with a slight increase in torque. Kia says both powerplants make more torque in lower rev ranges for better around-town performance.

With an \$18,700 starting price (including destination charges), the base Soul LX covers the basics, but includes heated outside mirrors, six-speaker audio system and Bluetooth short-range wireless networking.

Along with the larger en-

2014 Kia Soul

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.6-litre DOHC I4 (130); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (164)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt. with 1.6; std. with 2.0)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$18,700

Design

In front, a revised "bull-dog" nose and enlarged grille adds greater definition, while at the opposite end the Track'ster-inspired boomerang-shaped taillights appear to be floating inside the rear glass, as does the rear body panel built into the liftgate. The effect is simply brilliant.

Fuel economy

The 1.6 comes with a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic, but the 2.0 is only available with the automatic. The 1.6 is rated at 6.5 l/100 km in the city and 8.6 on the highway with the manual gearbox (6.6/8.5 with the automatic).



The Kia Soul's new cabin has less plastic and a button laden steering wheel.

gine and standard air conditioning and automatic transmission, the mid-range EX adds keyless entry, cruise control, heated front seats and 17-inch alloy wheels (16-inch steel wheels are standard).

Atop the Soul trim trio, the SX has 18-inch wheels and power-folding mirrors, while the interior comes with dual-zone climate control, leather seat covers, push-button start, a chilled glove box and a rear-view camera.

The options list is truly extensive and covers off a navigation system with 20-centimetre touch-screen, power-sliding panoramic sunroof, 10-way power driver's seat and premium Infinity-brand sound package.

Taken in its entirety, the Soul, like the Mini Cooper, is set up to be a niche brand unto itself with a wide range of pricing and options and, of course, that unmistakable "Soul-ness."

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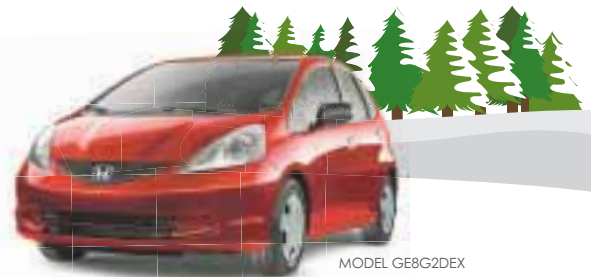
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will get exactly what you deserve today: no more and no less. If the rewards are good don't doubt that you have earned them; and if the rewards are not so good then aim to do better next time.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will have to do something that makes you unpopular but if you don't do it now you may have to do something twice as bad later on.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Money matters may be causing you concern but other aspects indicate you can still have lots of fun. Besides, if you keep too tight a hold of the purse strings now you may have to spend more later.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The important thing today is that you don't over-extend yourself physically, financially or emotionally. Know your limits and stay within them.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cosmic activity in positive areas of your chart urges you to open up and let friends and family know what you need in terms of both material wellbeing and emotional support.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

People will be demanding of you today and there may come a time when you realize you are being taken for a ride. The fact is they could have done most of these things for themselves if they wanted to. Make them wish they had.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

At some stage today your frustration is likely to bubble over and you will say or do something that you later regret. But, even so, it's good to remind those around you that your patience is finite.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't get things all your own way today, especially on the home front where partners and loved ones are anything but reasonable. The good news is this is only a passing phase.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There will be a setback concerning a money matter or business deal and you won't be happy about it. But it is worth getting worked up about?

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It seems you are stuck with a decision you took a while back and would do anything to get yourself out of now. That might just be possible today but the planets warn it won't come cheap.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Delays of one sort or another are likely over the next 24 hours but while it may be frustrating it could also inspire you to try a different route.

♓ Pisces

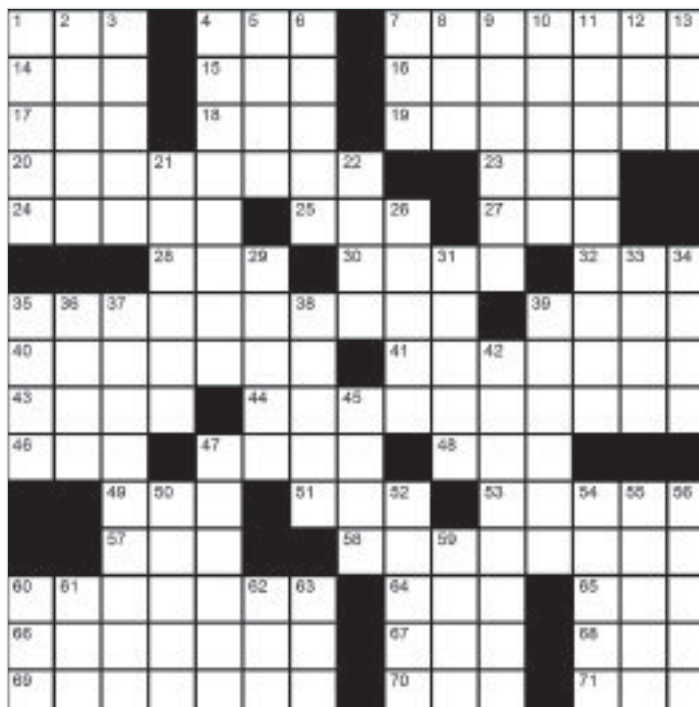
Feb. 20 - March 20

You seem to have lost your way a little and the planets suggest you swallow your pride and ask someone who knows what they are doing to help you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. 15, 30 or 50, e.g.
4. Opening
7. Truck
14. Airport sched. word
15. British singer Rita
16. By mistake: 2 wds.
17. ___disant (Self-styled)
18. Martini ingredient
19. Canadian comic book superheroine, ___ of the Northern Lights
20. Saskatchewan city east of Saskatoon
23. Driver's proof, e.g.
24. Improvise
25. Sushi tuna
27. Tattoo artist's supply
28. "___ guy walks into..."
30. Botanist Mr. Gray's
32. Sports org.
35. Michael J. Fox, e.g.: 2 wds.
39. Earth's inner
40. Where Zagreb is the capital
41. Acquiesces
43. Er, I don't know-ish
44. Winter resort accommodations: 2 wds.
46. Literary fairy queen
47. Molt
48. Fashionable



monogram

49. Freelancer's encl.
51. Six, in Italy
53. Entire
57. No Scrubs group
58. Canadian hockey brothers Phil or Tony
60. Mercy Mercy Me (The ___) by Marvin Gaye

64. Playboy Mansion's man, for short
65. Dorothy, to pals
66. Encounter: 2 wds.
67. Goof
68. Bug kind
69. Alberta village, home of the World's Largest Pyrogy
70. Actor Mr. Knight,

et al.

71. Uncle on Seinfeld

Down

1. Alexander's nickname
2. Peacock's feeling
3. Czech composer, Rudolf ___
4. 1960s dancer's

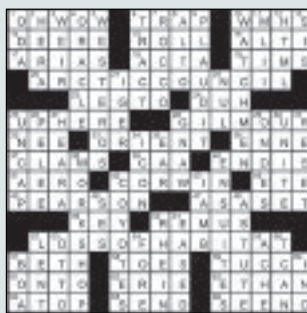
outfit part: 2 wds.

5. Botanical 'coat'
6. Zoo attraction
7. Wine: French
8. Compass point
9. Steve McQueen war movie, ___ for Heroes (1962)
10. Dick ___, legendary Montreal Canadiens

coach

11. De-cypher: 2 wds.
12. Mr. Chaney
13. Period
21. France/Spain: Bay of ___
22. "Take ___!"
26. Hero of Upper Canada, Sir ___ Brock (b.1769 - d.1812)
29. TLC's Breaking ___
31. Like a shoe's support
33. Guitar bar
34. Not as much
35. Pond guck
36. ___ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)
37. Yukon: ___ Territorial Park
38. "For goodness ___!"
39. Orchestra instruments
42. Left-overs
45. Obsession, ___ fixe
47. Canadian cafe chain, ___ Cup
50. ___ the Family
52. The Kid ___ Tonite by Loverboy
54. Word with Wave
55. Make up for
56. ___ 6/49
59. "...and a partridge in a ___ tree."
60. Work unit
61. ___de-sac
62. Ronny & The Daytonas hit
63. Far, quaintly

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today

-4°/-5°
Partly sunny

Thursday

2°/0°
Cloudy
40%

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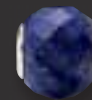
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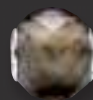
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· HOPE ·



· HAPPINESS ·



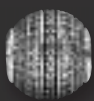
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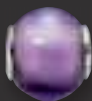
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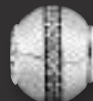
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· STABILITY ·



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